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Application No.: 09/646,589 : Group Art Unit: 2121
Filed: September 19, 2000 : Examiner:
For: Data Processing Device : Date: February 2, 2001
And Data Processing :
Method : X

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Prior to initiating prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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Delete the title and insert therefor the following new title:

--DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED COPYING--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

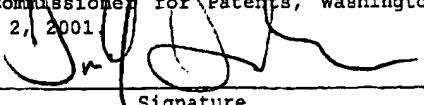
On page 1, line 1, delete "DESCRIPTION".

On page 1, line 3, delete "Technical Field" and insert therefor --Field of the Invention--.

On page 1, line 4, delete "apparatus" and insert therefor --system and method--.

On page 1, line 5, delete "and data processing method, and suitably".

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